

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**November 7, 2007 Board Meeting**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at the Professional Licensing Boards, in Macon Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

Jan Hines, DVM, President  
Becky E. Malphus, DVM  
Needham Bateman, DVM  
Hugh Hill, DVM  
Charles Lance

**Others Present:**

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director  
Eva Holmes, Board Secretary  
Amelia Baker, Assistant District Attorney/Board Attorney  
Scott Piper, GVMA

President Hines established that a quorum was present, and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:30 a.m.

**Minutes from the August 22, 2007 meeting:** Mr. Lance made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

**Minutes from the October 23, 2007 conference call:** Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

**Ratify list of newly issued licenses:** Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following list of newly issued licenses.

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>License Type</b>
VET007750	Biscoe, Elizabeth Waugh	Veterinarian
VET007751	Maxwell, Victoria R	Veterinarian
VET007752	Deutsch, Rocky John	Veterinarian
VET007753	Berliner, Aimee Lynn	Veterinarian
VET007754	Crovo, Melanie Casey	Veterinarian
VET007755	Outlaw, Alexander Louise	Veterinarian
VET007756	Todd, Elizabeth Ann	Veterinarian
VET007757	Atkins, Elizabeth Lauren	Veterinarian
VET007758	Stevenson, Steven Edgar	Veterinarian
VET007759	Brugliera, Julia Mary	Veterinarian
VET007760	Newsome, Denise Marie	Veterinarian
VET007761	Stipcak, Jessica Joy	Veterinarian
VET007762	Wilder-Kofie, Temeri Deadre	Veterinarian

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VET007763	Whitlock, Amanda Lauren	Veterinarian
VETF000535	Nelson, Matthew	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000536	Johnston, Spencer Alan	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000537	Rajeev, Sreekumari	Veterinary Faculty
VETT000892	Storey, Bobby E, Jr	Veterinary Technician
VETT000893	Zeidner, Lisa Kay	Veterinary Technician
VETT000894	Dilfield, Jennifer Holly	Veterinary Technician
VETT000895	Baik, Mary Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000896	Dozier, Joanne Lesley	Veterinary Technician
VETT000897	Roper, Kristy Elaine	Veterinary Technician
VETT000898	Blalock, Karri Carr	Veterinary Technician
VETT000899	Forbes, Shannon Diane	Veterinary Technician
VETT000900	Keiser, Cameron S	Veterinary Technician
	<b>REINSTATEMENTS</b>	
VET006827	Reynolds, Matthew Parrish	Veterinarian
VET003872	Davis, Mark P.	Veterinarian
VET006725	Sharomi, Adeseye A.	Veterinarian
VET005879	Roman, Acacia M.	Veterinarian
VET005468	Livingston, Deana Raye	Veterinarian
VET006741	Hall, Natalie H.	Veterinarian
VET006261	Davis, Matthew Francis	Veterinarian
VETT000114	Dowdy, Michele Jones	Veterinary Technician

**Correspondence from Dr. Patricia Edwards re:** CE requirements

**Board response:** Request that Dr. Edwards complete and submit the waiver/variance request form to the Board for consideration.

**Correspondence from Dr. Benjamin Nesmith, Jr. re:** Emergency coverage

**Board response:** Respond to Dr. Nesmith regarding the definition of the VCPR found in Board Rule 700-8-.01 and provide a copy of Board Rule 700-12-.06.

**Correspondence from Robert Anderson re:** Veterinarian's responsibility concerning grooming injuries.

**Board response:** Respond to Mr. Anderson that the board cannot address hypothetical scenarios, however, if he has a specific complaint to please file it with the board.

**Draft of Policy re:** Administration of rabies vaccine –

- o If clinic is conducted at a Public Health facility (i.e. County Health Department), Government-Sponsored facility (i.e. Animal Control),

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or sponsored by an Educational entity (4-H, UGA, etc.) they are exempt from board rules and regulations pertaining to facilities and record-keeping. However, emergency coverage must be established to respond in case of adverse reaction.

Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the board voted to **approve as amended.**

**Consideration of Housekeeping Legislation** to change OCGA 43-50-40(b) to allow the board to establish the late renewal period by rule.

**Board response:** Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to support as incumbered legislation.

**Draft of 2008 Meeting Schedule**

**Board response:** Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to approve.

**Correspondence from Ms. Martin re: an idea for a law, ethics & professionalism continuing education course.**

**Board response:** Information was provided to the GVMA for consideration.

**Correspondence re: Microchip Clinic.**

**Board response:** Notify Ms. Holton that microchipping is not considered the practice of veterinarian medicine and can be conducted by properly trained individuals. Also notify Ms. Holton that Georgia law requires vaccines and rabies vaccinations to be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

**Correspondence from Dr. Jennifer Fryer re: medical consultations**

**Board response:** Respond to Dr. Fryer that Georgia law does not prohibit the practice as described in her letter.

**Anita O. Martin, Executive Director's Report**

- Provided suggested revision to the re-examination policy.
  - **Board response:** Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to approve.

Applicants who have failed the national licensing examination three (3) times must:

- Submit a written statement to the Board requesting consideration for an additional examination attempt.
  - Such statement must include a listing of the failed area(s) on the examination and

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- An extensive remediation plan to address areas of deficiency. Such remediation plan must include:
  - Name of program in which you are participating, and
  - Listing of texts/study materials/course outlines utilized, or
  - If study in with a Georgia licensed veterinarian, a notarized statement from the veterinarian of his/her participation.

Such remediation program must be not less than six (6) weeks in length. Both pre-approval of the remediation program and approval upon completion are required. Upon completion of the program, documentation of completion must be submitted and approved by the board before further consideration is given to an additional examination attempt.

Remediation programs submitted after completion will not be considered by the board.

- Provided information on how to receive documentation on “Good Moral Character” to be added to the application.
  - **Board response:** Viewed as informational
- Discussed the issue of animal chiropractic.
  - **Board response:** The board would be interested in meeting with representatives from the Chiropractic Board about this issue. Further stated that Veterinary law allows for this practice as long as the individual conducts treatment and care under the direction of a Veterinarian with an established VCPR.

### **Miscellaneous**

Dr. Malphus provided a report on her attendance at the AAVSB meeting. She requested that the board revisit acceptance of the PAVE in addition to the ECFVG for foreign graduates. The matter will be placed on the December 12, 2007 agenda.

Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General’s report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Hill and Mr. Lance. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

### **Investigative Interviews –**

**Dr. L.G. – VET070006, VET070074, VET070096**

**Recommendation:** Send mitigating circumstance letter requiring revision to content of surgical records as follows:

- Must record route of administration of anesthesia;

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- Must record dose and quantity on anesthesia;
- Must record pet and owners name;
- Must record type of procedure performed;
- Must record veterinarian and staff who provided care;
- Must record date of care.

Dr. G. must send in an updated surgical record form for the board's review. Also provide board with a listing of the next ten (10) clinics scheduled listing the date, time & location of each clinic. Staff will send enforcement a request that an inspection be conducted at least one of these clinics.

### **Applications:**

- **G.F. – VET applicant –**
  - **Recommendation:** Notify applicant and request that a sworn statement (under notary seal) be provided to the board of the dates and locations of prior practice in Georgia. Take statement, application and copy of docketed Cease & Desist Order back to the board for review.
- **G.H.M. – VET reinstatement applicant –**
  - **Recommendation:** Reinstate under public consent order.
- **W.M.E. – VET applicant –**
  - **Recommendation:** Approved
- **E.R. – Vet Tech applicant –**
  - **Recommendation:** Approved
- **L.J. – Vet Tech applicant –**
  - **Recommendation:** Request additional information as to what program she is taking (need copies of syllabus/course descriptions) and statement from the Vet that they are working together to prepare for examination.
- **R.I.G. – Vet Tech applicant –**
  - **Recommendation:** Tabled until receipt of information on the disposition of the criminal case.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Anita O. Martin, Executive Director's Report**

- **M.P.S. – Vet applicant**
  - **Recommendation:** Received letter from NBVME about the examination irregularities. Table application until investigation into the unlicensed practice allegation has been resolved.
- **S.D.K. – Vet Applicant**
  - **Recommendation:** Received letters from two (2) different treatment facilities that Dr. K. will not complete evaluations.
- **VET070053**

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- **Recommendation:** Notify complainant that the board upholds their decision concerning standard of care is not going to seek disciplinary action concerning the patient records issue.

**Cognizant Reports:**

<b><u>Case #</u></b>	<b><u>Recommendation</u></b>
VET060037	Close with no violation
VET060042	Tabled – Request x-rays from both practitioners involved in this case
VET060092	Request reinspection – if no deficiencies found, close. If deficiencies found, bring back to board for sanctions.
VET060093	Close with no violation
VET060095	Request necropsy report from UGA
VET060007	Tabled until 12/12/07 meeting
VET070051	Send to Attorney General for a private reprimand. Cite statements from the peer review as the findings of fact. Sanction \$300 administrative costs.
VET070091	Close with no violation
VET080008	Close with letter of concern – patient records must be in compliance with board rule 700-8-.01(c)
VET080001	Close with letter of concern re: use of proper restraints
VET080003	Refer to Attorney General for public consent order with \$1000 fine, eight(8) hours continuing education in feline internal medicine, three (3) years probation and \$300 administrative costs.
VET080012	Close with no violation
VET080013	Close with no violation
VET080014	Close with letter of concern re: use of proper heating techniques during surgical procedures.
VET080028	Close with no violation
VET080029	Close with no violation
VET080030	Close with letter of concern re: patient records must be in compliance with board rule 700-8-.01(c)
VET080031	Refer to Georgia Drugs & Narcotics Agency to request an audit of local pharmacies in area to see if they find any irregular prescribing practices on subject.
VET080035	Close with no violation
VET080017	Close with no violation
VET080018	Close with letter of concern re: client communication. Board finds the letter of response to the patient owner to be inappropriate and borders on unprofessional
VET080019	Send for Peer Review with Dan Culbreth
VET080025	Close with LOC re: Emergency treatment

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VET080026	Close with letter of concern re: more thorough medical records (i.e. drug dosages, time, dates, temperature and weights)
VET070126	Close with letter of concern. Must send complete patient records and copies of xrays to owner within 30 days and provide proof of mailing back to the board. Also, the board expresses its concern about lack of providing a timely response to the owner concerning this matter.
VET080027	Schedule for Investigative Interview
VET070006	Close with no violation
VET070008	Close with no violation
VET070017	Request copy of valid fire extinguisher certificate – close upon receipt.
VET070102 VET070104 VET070106	Send facilities deficiency letter. Upon receipt of response, send to enforcement for a follow-up inspection. During reinspection, obtain copies of five (5) random patient records.
VET070015	Close by allowing DVM to go on inactive status
VET070111	Close by acceptance of Cease & Desist order

**Amelia Baker, Board Attorney Report**

- VET070015 – Close by allowing DVM to go on inactive status

Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations made in the Executive Session. Dr. Hill recused from voting on cases VET070092 and VET080005.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2007 at 9:30 A.M. at the Professional Licensing Boards in Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Eva Holmes, Board Secretary

**Minutes edited by:** Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

***These minutes will be approved at the December 5, 2007  
Board meeting.***